

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Education Center. These institutions have gone to great lengths to reach out to the central city by bringing children out to their suburban and exurban facilities. I appreciate all of the efforts they have made over the years, and I hope they continue.

What distinguishes Audubon Ohio's Urban Conservation Crew is that it is being conducted right in the neighborhood where the children live. Given the enthusiasm I saw in the children during their visit, I am confident that they will continue to explore Rockefeller Park, looking for birds, plants and other animals, long after the camp is over.

After my visit I learned that Cleveland is not the only location where Audubon has been offering programs like the Urban Conservation Crew to central city children. In Columbus, Audubon is developing the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, a nature-based education center slated to open in 2009 in a central city neighborhood just a mile south of downtown. Audubon already has similar facilities at Prospect Park in Brooklyn and in Debs Park in East Los Angeles. Another urban center, known as "the Rio Salado Center," is under development in the heart of Phoenix.

It is notable that Audubon Ohio produced the Urban Conservation Crew program almost entirely with private funds. Support came from the Cleveland Foundation, the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust, and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club. Audubon Ohio did, however, receive a small amount of federal money, specifically a \$5,000 grant from the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service. It goes to show how a relatively small amount of federal dollars can be leveraged to produce great results.

I commend Audubon, Ohio for helping to reconnect children with nature, particularly in the central city. Audubon and its Ohio program deserve high marks for their creativity and skill in doing so at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse in Cleveland and elsewhere. They provide great hope for the future.

WELCOMING HIS HOLINESS
KAREKIN II, SUPREME PATRIARCH
AND CATHOLICOS OF ALL
ARMENIANS TO THE 10TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILLI-
NOIS

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I am honored to welcome His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, to the 10th Congressional District of Illinois. His Holiness Karekin II was a pivotal figure in rebuilding the Armenian Church in the aftermath of the Soviet period and providing spiritual leadership for 7 million Armenian Apostolic Christians around the world. He has undertaken extensive philanthropic and humanitarian work, including opening orphanages, hospitals, soup kitchens for the elderly and cultural centers for the youth of Armenia. We would like to honor His Holiness Karekin II for his dedication to the people of Armenia and thank him for visiting the 10th District of Illinois.

I hope this trip to the United States compels my colleagues to bring the Armenian Genocide

resolution, H. Res. 106, to a vote before the full House of Representatives. For more than 90 years, Armenians were denied recognition for the Genocide of 1915.

We promised in 1945 to never forget the Holocaust, to never again let such atrocities be committed. But the world could forget the first genocide of the 20th Century. In fact Hitler used the world's denial of the Armenian Genocide as justification for his invasion into Poland and the ensuing ethnic cleansing of Europe's Jewry. In a speech he gave in late August of 1939, Hitler stated, "I have placed my death-head formation in readiness . . . with orders to send to death mercilessly and without compassion, men, women, and children of Polish derivation and language . . . Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?"

As a defender of human rights, America must formally recognize the genocide Hitler once dismissed so easily. From 1915 to 1923, the Ottoman Turks systematically annihilated more than 1.5 million ethnic Armenians. There is no other way to describe this organized campaign of murder than as genocide.

I encourage my fellow Congressmen to support the Armenian Genocide resolution so that we may finally provide the Armenian community with the recognition and justice they deserve.

IN HONOR OF JAMES R. CLARK,
UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James R. Clark, a World War II veteran. World War II was in progress when James decided to leave his position as the high school principal of Star City ISD in Arkansas. He realized his country needed him and enlisted with the Army Air Corps on November 3, 1942.

During his tenure at Aloe Army Base in Victoria, Texas, he taught cadets how to disassemble and reassemble machineguns while blindfolded and navigation before being relocated to headquarters. At headquarters, James was the only public relations writer and news photographer on base. After spending over 2 years at Aloe, he was relocated to California and was at Fort Ord when he was notified that would be going to Japan. Fortunately, the war ended before he was deployed for Japan and James was discharged on November 22, 1945.

World War II is known as the deadliest conflict in human history, taking the lives of over 70 million people. During this difficult time, our country stood united behind our brave servicemen and women who so willingly took to the battlefields to defend freedom and democracy. It is veterans like James that helped us emerge victorious from World War II and restore hope and humanity in a world that was shattered by the darkness of hatred and violence.

His patriotism, courage, and selflessness should be commended and his dedication to public service deserves our highest regard. Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for his service to this great Nation.

IN MEMORIAM OF ROGER LEE
GORE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of a dear friend's life, that of Roger Lee Gore—a man of limitless smiles, generous laughter, and amiable spirit. He toiled in the New York hospitality business for years, serving a 30-year stint as waiter, maitre d', and banquet captain for Hilton Hotel. An ardent voice in his community, he remained a lifelong member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and contributed his time and talents to the Civil Rights Movement. A lover of people with an effortless sunny disposition, he asked that no tears be shed over his blessed life.

Roger was born on August 30, 1944 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to the late Harold Gore and Sadie Gore Graham. Nicknamed "Ducky," he was an early-age churchgoer and hard worker, moonlighting as a caddy and waiter to financially help out the family. In high school, he participated in team football, basketball, and glee club, earning his diploma in 1963.

He travelled the country after school, but settled in New York by the late 1960s as a waiter and bartender at Henry Stamper's Steakhouse. He was a union man, a member of Local Six, Unite, and HERE Hotel unions and chairman of the Elections and Objection Committee. In 1993, he married Lena McPhatter, who later passed in 1998. He then married Noveria Epps in March of 2007. Roger passed away September 30, 2007 and was memorialized in his funeral held October 19, 2007.

Today, we are moved, stirred, sobered by this loss, but we are more so grateful and joyful by the legacy he's left behind.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1680, SECURE
HANDLING OF AMMONIUM NI-
TRATE ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1680, legislation critical to securing our Nation against further acts of terrorism. I am proud to cosponsor this legislation, which I believe effectively balances necessary measures to provide additional security with the need to protect our agricultural industry.

On September 11, 2001, our enemies demonstrated their ability to use everyday objects as deadly weapons. Ammonium nitrate is a product of great use to our Nation's agricultural sectors, but, in the hands of terrorists, could cause America great harm. Like the airplanes flown into buildings, fertilizer bombs